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SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY

for the year ending

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ANNUAL SESSION
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Trenton, New Jersey October 16, 1860

The Synod of New Jersey having adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian Church in the city of Burlington, New Jersey and, the Moderator of the Synod having been notified by the Session of the church in that city that the Synod could not be accommodated in that place, met, under the direction of the Moderator in the First Presbyterian church in this city, that church having been offered for this purpose, and was opened with a Sermon by the Rev. M. J. Hickok, the Moderator, from Psalm 10th 13th and 14th verses.

After public worship the Synod was constituted with prayer.

The Clerks reported that the following members of Synod were present, and had been duly enrolled.-

From the Presbytery of Elizabethtown

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Mr. Cory	John Honeyman	Lamington
Bond		1st Ch. Elizabeth T.
Scribner	John McCullough	Pluckamin
English		Perth Amboy
Rankin	Wm. Annin	Liberty Corner
Edgar		1st Rahway
Blauvelt		New Providence
Dr. Blauvelt	Jas. I. Hile	Baskingridge
Mr. Studdiford		Elizabeth Port
Martin		
Dr. Murray		Westfield
Mr. Hyndshaw		Plainfield
H. W. Hunt	Andrew Cadmus	

Presbytery of Elizabethtown (cont)

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Mr. J. B. Crane	James P. Edgar	1st Woodbridge
G. S. Plumley		2nd Rahway
Sheddan		New Vernon
Sheldon		German Ch. Meyersville
Reinhart		
Caldwin		
Cornell		

Presbytery of Passaic

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Dr. Magie		2nd Elizabethtown
Mr. Street		Mt. Freedom
James	Abraham M. French	Chatham Village
Dr. Craven		Springfield
Mr. Irvin		2nd Morristown
Brewster	Elias Crane	Connecticut Farms
	Theodore Little	1st Morristown
	Wm. Rankin, Jr.	3rd Newark
	Henry Hedges	Chester
	David Bond	Lyons Farms

Presbytery of New Brunswick

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Mr. Brown	S. B. Brokaw	Boundbrook
Rodgers	Martin Cruser	Kingston
Dr. Hall	Isaac Baker	1st Princeton
Mr. Chapin	Isaac Welling	Pennington
Hale		Hightstown
White		
Yeomans	Geo. S. Green	1st Trenton
Symmes	John C. Whitlock	2nd Trenton
Manning	Saml. B. Gaston	3rd Trenton
Hoover		4th Trenton
Dr. McDonald	Matthias M. Perrine	1st Cranbury
Mr. Armstrong	Jas. Wyckoff	2nd Cranbury
S. M. Hamill		
H. Hamill	Abner Voorhees	1st New Brunswick
Gosman		2nd New Brunswick
Giger		2nd Princeton
Dr. Nassau		
Mr. Taylor	John Brearley	Lawrence
Dr. Robt. Baird		Titusville
Mr. Cattell	Peter Sharp	Hamilton Square
Davis	Isaac I. Snediker	Dutch Neck
De Veure		Ewing

Presbytery of Newton

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Dr. Hand	Peter Purcall	Greenwich
Mr. Tully		Pleasant Grove
Barret		2nd Mansfield
Reiley		Musconetong Valley
Mott		Stillwater
Bush		Swartswood
Smith		Harmony
Knighton		Yellow Frame
Hallaugh		Marksborough
Salick	Robt. S. Kennedy	Stewartsville
Westervelt	J. G. Shipman	Blainstown
		Belvidere

Presbytery of West Jersey

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Dr. Jones		Greenwich
Mr. Everitt	Chas. Stevenson	Blackwoodtown
Ford		Cold Spring
Shields		1st Bridgeton
Brown		Salem
Dr. Baird		Williamstown
Mr. Bridgman	Benj. Harding	Fislerville
	Alphonso Woodruff	2nd Bridgeton

Presbytery of Susquehanna

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Mr. Foster		Wysox
Mr. Barr		Wyalusing
Mr. Marriner		Herrick
Mr. Dewing		Silver Lake

Presbytery of Luzerne

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Mr. Snowden		Eckloy
Armstrong		White Haven
Hickok		Port Carbon
Hodge		Hazelton
Dr. Dorrance		Kingston
Mr. Rosenthal		Wyoming

Presbytery of Raritan

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Dr. Kirkpatrick	John W. Bells	Amwell United 1st
Dr. Studdiford	Wm. Wilson	Lambertville
McNair		Clinton
Mr. Spayd		
Mr. Lewers	Wm. D. Stewart	Milford
Mr. Vandyke		Holland
Mr. Janeway		Amwell 2nd
	Mahlon Smith	Flemington

At the close of the recess Synod convened when the Annual Sermon on Foreign Missions was preached by the Rev. Daniel Stewart, D.D. from Matthew 24:14 and this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations and then shall the end come.

After the religious exercises the Synod came to order. The committee on religious exercises reported (see file No. 4).

The Moderator announced the following committees (see file No. 2).

The Rev. James Dewing of the Synod of New York was invited to sit as corresponding member.

Synod then adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday Morning 9 o'clock a.m.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session of Synod were read and approved.

The committee on leave of absence reported that the following persons had appeared and assigned satisfactory reasons for late attendance- Presbytery of Elizabethtown, Rev. E. N. Crane and Levy Lockwood, Elders, Joseph Woodruff 1st Church Rahway, John T. Gilchmit 1st Church Elizabethtown, Presbytery of Raritan Rev. Mr. Carrell, Elder Nath. W. Voorhes Church of Clinton, Peter C. Schenck, 1st Amwell, Presbytery of New Brunswick, Rev. Miles T. Heruin, Presbytery of Passaic Rev. Mr. Chester, Presbytery of Newton, Rev. Kirk, McNair, J. Y. Mitahl, Glen, Foresman and Wood. Elders Aaron Dosey, Philadelphia and Wm. Wack German Valley. Presbytery of Tusquehanna, Rev. Thos L. Dewing.

Committee on the narrative of religion reported and the report was adopted and referred back to the committee for abridgment (committee on religious exercises No. 4).

On motion of Dr. Murray it was Resolved- as see file No. 5.

Resolved that the above resolutions signed by the Moderator and Clerks.

Resolved, that Rev. Dr. Baird be hereby appointed a delegate from this Synod to attend the meetings of the Evangelical Alliance at Geneva this September 1861. Stated Clerk to furnish Dr. Baird with attested copy, etc.

Resolved, that Dr. Murray, Mr. English and Mr. Isaac Welling, Elder be a committee to see page 156, the rules of the Synod in regard to the roll and leave of absence shall be referred and who shall report what changes they may deem best.

A statement from the Board of Missions was made by Dr. Hall and the following resolutions were adopted (see file No. 6).

Resolved, that Mr. Rankin, Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions, be requested to address the Synod on the subject of Foreign Missions this evening- Dr. Hodge, Dr. Cogswell, McGill, Dr. Atwater, Maclean.

Pottsville was selected as the next place of meeting and Dr. Rodgers, Mr. Colt and Mr. Jesse Turner were appointed a committee on Religious Exercises.

Resolved, that the Stated Clerk be directed to forward the Statistical Report to the next General Assembly.

Committee on Bills and overtures had leave to retire.

Resolved, that the rule requiring a sermon to be preached on the 1st evening of its session on the subject of Foreign Missions be rescinded.

Judicial committee reported that (see papers in case No. 1), an appeal and complaint against the Presbytery of Passaic were in order and recommended that the Synod take up the case in the order specified by the book (see file No. 7). Report was adopted and Synod resolved, that this Judicial case be made the order of the day for 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Rev. Martin L. Schenck and Rev. Horace Doolittle of the Particular Synod of New York of the Reformed Dutch Church,

Rev. Mr. Batehilder of New Jersey Conference of Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. Mr. Walker of 1st Baptist Church, Trenton be invited to sit as corresponding members.

It was stated to the Synod by Mr. Wm. Rankin, Jr. that Mr. Geo. H. Stewart of the City of Philadelphia had a number of copies of a sermon by the Rev. S. I. Moore of Ballglena, Ireland. In order that each member of the Synod should be furnished with one, whereupon it was Resolved, that the thanks of the Synod be returned to Mr. Stewart for the sermon and that the Stated Clerk be directed to forward to him a copy of this resolution.

The report of the committee on the Treasurer's Account was accepted and adopted- the committee made the following report on assessment, etc.

Synod had a recess until 2:30 o'clock p.m.

At the close of the recess Synod proceeded to business.

Narrative.

The committee on leave of absence reported the following as having given satisfactory reasons for late attendance, Rev. G. W. Burroughs, Presbytery of New Brunswick, T. B. Condict, Newton Presbytery, Elder Nathan Feagley, Mauch Chunk, Luzerne Presbytery, Elder Dean Gray, Solebury, Maritan Presbytery, Elder Saml. Burtis, Mr. Holly, Burlington Presbytery, Rev. John L. Kehoo and Dr. McLaren of Monmouth Presbytery and Elder J. W. Van Schoick of Manalapan.

Elizabethtown, West Jersey, Luzerne, New Brunswick, Maritan, Monmouth Presbytery books approved.

Committee on Susquehanna book reported that the records were not in the house and the committee was discharged.

Statistical Reports from the Presbyteries read.

Resolved, that the rule of the Synod requiring the Clerks to meet and prepare a roll of Synod before the time for the meeting of Synod be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

The hour having arrived the Synod proceeded to the order of the day which was the appeal and complaint against the Presbytery of Passaic.

The Moderator enjoined on the members to reflect and regard their high character as, etc.

1. The action complained of was read.
2. The appeal and complaint against the action of the Presbytery at their stated meeting at Lyon's farms were read.
3. The proceeding of the Presbytery at Lyon's farms were read.
4. The original parties were heard.
5. The members of the Presbytery were then heard in part when the Synod took a recess til 7:30 p.m.

Synod met at 7:30 p.m. and attended the Synodical Prayer Meeting when the persons appointed performed the several parts of the service previously assigned them. After these religious exercises Synod proceeded to business.

The Rev. Mr. Miller of the Established Evangelical Church of Prussia and the Rev. Mr. Irwin of the Synod of Upper Missouri were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Committee of Bills and overtures reported overture No. 1 (see files No. 8).

The report of the committee was accepted and adopted.

The same committee reported overture No. 2 which was accepted and laid on the table for the present (see file 9).

Rev. Mr. Miller, upon invitation addressed the Synod in regard to the State of Religion in Prussia.

Rev. Mr. Irwin of the Iowa Mission made interesting statements in regard to his missionary work among the Indians.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Thursday Morning 9 o'clock

Synod met and was opened with prayer.

The committee on leave of absence reported that they had given leave of absence to the following persons Rev. Mr. Cory, Dr. Magie, Mr. Condict, Knighton, Chester, Park, Dr. Robert Baird. Elders, Mr. Shangle, Voorhees, Muchler, Harding, Van Horn, McCullough, Smith.

Resolved, that in view of the amount of business before Synod the Minute in regard to the resolution to attend the dedication of the 4th Presbyterian Church be reconsidered.

Rev. Edwin Emerson of the Synod of Philadelphia and Rev. Charles R. Bliss of the Synod of Pennsylvania were invited to sit as corresponding members.

A paper having been presented from the Presbytery of Curisco Western Africa requesting that the Presbytery should be taken under the care of Synod.

Resolved, that the Presbytery be received and enrolled as a part of the Synod (see file No. 10). See Baird's Digests pg. 385.

Committee on Minutes of General Assembly reported and their report was accepted and adopted.

Synod resumed the consideration of the Judicial case.

The members of the Presbytery were further heard.

6. The roll of Synod was called, etc. After which the final vote was taken and the appeal and complaint was sustained. Sustain 109- not sustain 2- sustain in part 14.

Rev. Dr. Watson of the Synod of Philadelphia was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Synod had a recess till 2:30 o'clock.

After recess Synod proceeded to business.

Rev. Mr. Irwin of the Iowa Mission was invited to address the Synod on the conditions of things in Kansas.

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Presbytery of Burlington

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Mr. Scovill	Cornis. Vanderbeek	Allenton
Mr. Baker		Bordentown
Chester	Geo. Van Gelder	1st Camden
Robbins		Mt. Holly
Dr. Perkins		Columbus
Dr. Stewart		Tuckerton
Mr. Stebbin		Medford
Dr. Chester		Burlington
	Henry S. Smith	New Egypt

Presbytery of Monmouth

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Mr. Wells		Middletown Pt.
Mr. Sahler		Millstone
Mr. Chandler		Shrewsbury
	James P. DeHart	Jamesburgh

The Rev. R. K. Rodgers, D.D. was chosen Moderator and the Rev. Messrs. Gosman and Hale were chosen Clerks.

Resolved, that during the present Sessions of the Synod it be the order to meet at 9 a.m.- to have a recess at 1 p.m.- to meet at 2:30- to have a recess at 6 p.m. and to meet at 7:30 p.m.

Committee of Bills and overtures and Judicial Committee appointed.

Rev. James Beattie of Synod of New York, Rev. Mr. Saml. H. McDonald and Rev. Dr. M. Yeomans, Synod of Philadelphia, Rev. John Bay of Connecticut Association, Rev. Levi Janvier of Synod of Northern India, Rev. Mr. Jas. M. Mackey of Presbytery of Corisco, Western Africa, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Committee on Religious exercises report (see file No. 1).

Dr. Robert Baird addressed the Synod on the state of the suffering Christians in Syria, whereupon the following Resolution was adopted (see file No. 3).

Papers relating to an appeal and complaint against the Presbytery of Passaic were laid upon the table and put into the hands of the Judicial Committee.

Synod had recess till half past seven o'clock.

Resolved, that the Synod now proceed to consider the 2nd appeal of Mr. Wm. B. Guild against the Presbytery of Passaic at their meeting at Newark.

The Moderator enjoined, etc.

1. The sentence appealed from was read.

Judge Kennedy's resolutions discussed by members of Synod were withdrawn (see file 11).

Rev. Mr. Fische of Paris of the Evangelical Church of France was introduced to the Synod and invited to take his seat as a corresponding member.

2. The appeal of Mr. Wm. B. Guild was then read.

3. The proceedings of Presbytery were then read with all the testimony, and the reasons of the Presbytery's decision.

Pending the reading of the testimony in the judicial case the Synod was addressed by the Rev. Mr. Fische, etc.

Rev. Mr. Harlow of the Presbytery of New Brunswick appeared and took his seat as a member of Synod.

Synod had a recess till half past 7 p.m.

Half past 7 o'clock p.m.

Synod met after recess when the reading of the testimony was resumed and completed when

4. The original parties were heard in part, when Synod adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at half past 8 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Friday Morning one half past 8 o'clock

And was opened with prayer.

Committee on leave of absence reported (see file No. 12).

Committee on Rules reported and the report was accepted and adopted (see file No. 13).

Resolved, that the Stated Clerk have the report of the committee on Bills and overtures printed in a circular and sent as directed.

Synod resumed the consideration of the appeal when Dr. Craven appeared on behalf of the Session of the 3rd Church of Newark- objection having been made to this course of procedure and the Moderator having been called upon to say who were the original parties in this case, he decided that Wm. B. Guild and the Presbytery of

Passaic were the original parties no other parties being known before the Synod - an appeal was taken from the decision of the chair and the decision of the chair was sustained.

2:30 o'clock p.m.

Synod met after recess.

Burlington Book approved.

It was Resolved, that in case the next General Assembly shall organize a new Synod embracing the Presbyteries of Luzerne and Susquehanna the next stated meeting of the Synod be held in the 1st church of Rahway and that the Stated Clerk give public notice accordingly.

Overture No. 2 of committee Bills and overtures was taken up and the recommendation of the committee was adopted (see file 9).

Committee on leave of absence reported (see file 14).

Janitor's bill and stationery paid \$8.00. (see file 15).

The hearing of the original parties was resumed and completed.

5. To hear the members of the Presbytery in explanation of the grounds of their decision
6. Roll of the Synod was called when the following resolution, the Synod do hereby agree that in calling the roll, the members of the Synod be confined to five Minutes in giving the explanation of the grounds of their decision.
7. After which the final vote was taken and the appeal was sustained. Sustain 54- not sustain 20- sustain in part 1- non voting 1.

The Presbytery of Passaic gave notice of an appeal to the General Assembly of the United States from their decision in the case of the above appeal and the Dr. S. I. Baird, Dr. Murray and Mr. J. G. Shipman were appointed to defend the Synod.

Ordered that the calling of the roll be dispersed with.

Resolved, that the thanks of the Synod be returned to the inhabitants of Trenton and its vicinity for their kindness and hospitality to the members during the Sessions of the Synod.

Synod then adjourned to meet at Pottsville on the 3rd Tuesday of October 1861 at 3 o'clock p.m.

Concluded with Singing, Prayer and the Benediction.

A P P E N D I X

1. RESOLUTIONS AND IMPORTANT ACTIONS.
2. NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.
3. PRESBYTERIAL STATISTICAL REPORTS.

APPENDIX

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The committee on religious exercises recommend to Synod that the Missionary Sermon be preached in the First Church in this city this Tuesday Evening--at 1/2 past 7 o'clock--and that the Synodical prayer meeting be held in the same place on Wednesday Evening, at the same hour.

The committee further report that having been informed by the session of the Fourth Church of Trenton that it is their intention to invite the Synod to be present at the dedication of their Church Edifice on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, in expectation of whose attendance they have made great exertions to complete the building in time, the committee recommend that the Synod include that meeting in their appointment of religious exercises.

2. The Rev. Messrs. Hickok, Edgar, Symmes, Knighton, Perkins, Allen H. Brown, Ministers, and Messrs. Ross, Green, Purcell, and Snediker, Elders were appointed a committee on Bills and Overtures to meet in the lecture room of this Church tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock, and afterwards on their own adjournment.

The Rev. Drs. Macdonald and Kirkpatrick and the Rev. Messrs. Bush, and J. Aspinwall Hodge, Ministers, and Messrs. March, Cooley, and Isaac Baker, Elders were appointed a judicial committee to meet at the call of the chairman.

The clerk announced that there had been laid on the table, an appeal from, and a complaint against, a decision of the Presbytery of Passaic, by Mr. William B. Guild, by which decision Mr. Guild had been suspended from his office as Ruling Elder in the 3d Church of Newark, N. J.

The papers in the case were referred to the judicial committee.

The Rev. Messrs. Irving and Wand were appointed a committee to draft the Narrative of the State of religion, within the bounds of the Synod for the next year.

The Rev. Messrs. Rankin and Janeway, Ministers and Mr. William Wilson were appointed a committee on leave of absence.

The Rev. Drs. Blauvelt and the Rev. Mr. Hoover were appointed a committee to examine the Minutes of the General Assembly.

Messrs. Whitlock and Abraham Voorhees were appointed a committee to examine the Treasurer's account, and to make an assessment upon the Presbyteries of the Synod, for the purpose of meeting the contingent expenses of the Synod.

The following committees were appointed to examine the Presbyterial records.

The Rev. Messrs. John Chester and Shields, Ministers, and Mr. Woodruff, Elder, those of Elizabethtown.

The Rev. Messrs. Mott and Ford, Ministers and Mr. Crusier, Elder, those of Passaic.

The Rev. Dr. Craven and Mr. Scovel, Ministers, and Mr. W. D. Stewart, Elder, those of New Brunswick.

The Rev. Messrs. Scribner, and Brewster, Ministers, and Mr. Annin, Elder those of Newton.

The Rev. Messrs. Taylor and Tully, Ministers, and Mr. Brokaw, Elder, those of Susquehanna.

The Rev. Messrs. Everitt and Hubbard, Ministers and Mr. Harding, Elder, those of Luzerne.

The Rev. Messrs. Davis and Colt, Ministers and Mr. Turner, Elder, those of Raritan.

The Rev. Messrs. Barr and Westervelt, Ministers and Mr. Van Vorn, Elder, those of West Jersey.

The Rev. Messrs. Manning and Sahler, Ministers and Mr. Gulick, Elder those of Burlington.

The Rev. Messrs. A. Armstrong and Plumley, Ministers, and Mr. Potter, Elder those of Monmouth.

3. The Rev. Dr. Robert Baird addressed the Synod on the state of the suffering Christians in Syria. Whereupon it was, Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended to all the pastors and church sessions under the care of the Synod to take up a collection in behalf of the Suffering Christians of Syria, on or before the approaching day of Thanksgiving, and that the amount be reported to the Syrian relief committee of which Dr. Baird is Secretary.

4. The committee on religious exercises made the following report with reference to the Synodical prayer meeting, to be attended this Evening.

1. The Moderator to preside--give out a hymn and read a portion of scripture.

2. Prayer by the Rev. Mr. McLaren.

3. The Narrative of the State of religion to be read by the Rev. Samuel J. Baird, D. D., the chairman of the committee appointed to draft it.

4. Psalmody.

5. Addressed by the Rev. Mr. Janvier of the Synod of North India, and the Rev. Mr. Mackay, of the Presbytery of Corisco, in Africa.

6. Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Lewers.

7. Psalmody and the Benediction.

The report was adopted.

5. Resolved, That it be recommended to all the Ministers of this Synod to present to all their churches on the 23d of December next, the subject of the Reformation, as to its causes, doctrines and effects, in order thus to commemorate the ter-centenary of the first meeting of the General Assembly of the church of Scotland, the precious germ from which almost all the Presbyterian churches in England, Ireland and America have sprung.

Resolved, That this Synod invites the Ministers of all the Synods connected with our General Assembly, and all Presbyterian Ministers in the United States to unite with them in this celebration.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the various religious papers in this country, signed by the Moderator, and Clerks.

6. A statement was made by the Rev. Dr. Hall on behalf of the Board of Domestic Missions, after which the following resolution was proposed and adopted. Resolved, That the Synod hereby calls the attention of the Presbyteries to the fact that the contributions to the Board of Domestic Missions have diminished, instead of increasing in the last two years, whilst the amount called for on behalf of the churches of the Synod has increased, so that for the year ending in March last, the excess of contributions for the General purposes of the Board above what was appropriated by the Board to the Synod's churches

was only \$136.--In view of this statement, the Synod earnestly appeals to the sessions of the churches to take care that the annual collection for the Board shall on no account be omitted, and that all proper means be taken both to increase the donations and to reduce the call of our churches on the Board to the lowest point.

7. The Judicial committee reported judicial case No. 1 to wit:., an appeal and complaint of Mr. William B. Guild a member of the session of the 3d Presbyterian Church in the city of Newark against the action of the Presbytery of Passaic at its meeting at Lyon's Farms and an appeal from a decision of the Presbytery at a meeting at Newark which closed its sessions on the 13th of April, 1860, and they find the paper in regular order and recommend that the case be taken up in the manner prescribed in the Book of Discipline Chapter 7th, Section 3d, Article 8th.

8. Whereas a communication has been received from the Synod of Baltimore with reference to the greivous inequality in the representation of the different denominations of Christians in the Chaplaincies of the United States public service, and whereas the Synod believes that such inequality is in violation of the principle of religious freedom and very injurious to the moral and spiritual interests of those for whom the Chaplains are appointed. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Synod fully appreciate the importance of the subject presented for their consideration by the Synod of Baltimore, and concur in the action of said Synod.

Resolved, 2. That in the opinion of this Synod, the proper authorities should regard the principle of proportion as it respects the several denominations in the

in the appointment of chaplains for the Army and Navy, and that with reference to the Military and Naval Academies of the United States, the Chaplaincy should not remain for an unlimited time with the ministry of any one denomination of Christians.

Resolved, 3. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the President of the United States--the President of the Senate--the Heads of the Departments of the General Government--the speaker of the House of Representatives--and the Governor of each of the states of the Union--with a respectful request that they will use their influence for the promotion of the object here indicated.

9. Resolved, That the Presbytery be and it is hereby received and enrolled as one of the Presbyteries of this Synod in accordance with the rule of the General Assembly in such cases made and provided.

The Rev. Mr. Mackey then took his seat as a member of the Synod.

10. Whereas it appears that the Presbytery of Passaic in the trial of William B. Guild did suspend him from the Eldership, a proceeding which this Synod regard as unconstitutional and improper, Therefore,

Resolved, That the appeal of William B. Guild be sustained pro forma, and that said William B. Guild be restored to the eldership in the 3d Church of Newark, which after some discussion was withdrawn, leave having been given to that effect.

11. The committee on leave of absence reported that they had given leave of absence to the following persons: Rev. Drs. Murray, Macnair, and Studdiford--the Rev. Messrs. Lewers, Cornell, Smith, DeVeuve, Pierson, Brown, Williamson, Samuel Miller, Wells, Taylor, Mackey, Cattell, Harlow, English, Van Wyck, Weiss, Tully, Hunt, Foresman, Macnair, and Thompson--Ministers, and to Messrs. Stewart, Vanderbilt, Crane, Hoffman, Gray, Cooley, Tinsman, Baltes, Honeyman, Turner, Woodruff, Dr. Hart, Mayhew, Brokaw, Stevenson, Voorhees, Gilchrist, Shafer, Schenk, Cruser, Annin, and French, Elders.

12. The committee on rules recommend that there be a return to the former method of making up the roll of Synod-- save that members coming in after the opening of the second day's session shall report themselves privately to the clerks, and the clerks shall report all such names to the committee on leave of absence in order that they may hear the excuses of such delinquents.

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THE NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION

The design of the ordinances of God's house and means of grace is twofold, the ingathering of the elect, and the building up of believers in their most holy faith. The progress of the gospel involves both of these as essential elements--and the state of religion at any given time is to be judged by a comparison of the indications on both these points. Intaking a survey of the state of religion during the past year, the Synod of New Jersey finds many arguments of encouragement in the work of Christ and of gratitude to the great head of the church for his abundant grace. Perhaps never before has she been permitted to trace clearer evidence of the consistent walk of her members and the internal prosperity of the church. Her present condition may with some propriety be described in the language of the historian of the apostolic church respecting a period shortly subsequent to the Pentecostal scenes. "Then had the churches, rest throughout all India and Galilee and Samaria and were edified, and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the holy ghost, were multiplied." In this respect our Presbyterial reports are unanimous. Some leading fruits we shall briefly indicate.

1. The attendance on the means of grace in all their forms has been large and increasing--The fundamental duty of family religion is apparently appreciated in some measure proportionately to its importance and the morning and evening incense ascends with growing faithfulness from an increasing number of family altars. The interest felt in the training of our youth at home and in Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes is universal and increasing, as indicated by a growing attendance of pupils and greater diligence on the part of teachers. The catechism is taught almost universally, and the minds of the young thus early imbered with the most precious truths in systematic form. Prayer

meetings are represented as almost universally attended and accompanied with gratifying evidence of a lively faith and active communion with God, although not characterized with that nearness to the throne of grace and that wrestling spirit which are the precursors of the greatest results. The attendance upon the public ministrations of the gospel has been encouragingly large and growing in almost all our churches.

2. In respect to the lives and conduct of our members the reports are gratifying--Peace prevails in a remarkable degree. The instances which have brought into requisition the discipline of the church have been very few. Purity of life seems to characterize the professing followers of Christ.

3. Another indication of health and prosperity consists in a liberal employment of the means with which God has prospered his people for the service of Christ. The salaries of pastors are generally paid with reasonable punctuality. Numbers of houses of worship, manses, lecture-rooms, and Sabbath Schools rooms, have been erected--thers enlarged--and in many cases standing debts paid off--The cause of systematic benevolence is, with a few exceptions, reported on the advance.

4. The labors of some of our Presbyteries in the field of Domestic Missions have been abundant and in a good degree successful, as is evinced by the organization of several new congregations--the erection of houses of worship and the entrance of new laborers into this important field.

These and other indications concur to the conclusion that the gracious head of the Church has condescended to bestow upon this part of the vineyard a large measure of blessings in the upbuilding of the church, and the sanctifying of his people--that this is a field which the Lord hath blessed.

In the other elements of progress, that is the ingathering of convents, the reports are not so full of encouragement. In this respect an unhappy indication presents itself in the fact that but one of our Presbyteries—that of West Jersey has been visited with any special seasons of ingathering—and in that case, the refreshing has extended to but three of its churches. It is worthy of remark that two of these—those of Blackwoodtown and Williamstown were not sharers in the general awakening of two years ago, whilst in the third instance, that of Greenwich the visitation their enjoyed is now followed with an additional outpouring which seals the divine approval to the labors which occupy the beloved and venerated pastor amidst bodily infirmities and falling sight. Except these we are not privileged to record any special season of awakening among the impenitent. Yet has not the last been a year of utter desertion and barrenness. The statistics of the General Assembly and the Narrative of the Presbyteries concur to show that if grace has not flowed down as an overflowing torrent, the waters of life have more or less copiously permeated all our borders. But as compared with the past, and with the wants of the world, the results are inadequate. The membership of our churches increased ten per cent in the year comprehended in the report to the Assembly of 1858—Nearly nine per cent in the year ending with the 1st of April 1859—and not quite five per cent in the year ending with the same date in 1860. Nor have we any reason to suppose that the months which have elapsed since the latter date have witnessed any improvement upon the last reports or stayed the downward tendency. The rate of increase realized in the first of these periods would double our membership in ten years—that in the second would occupy twelve, whilst the third would require thirty years to reach the same result. Our church at large has realized an actual increase of more than one hundred per cent within the last eighteen years and the population of the country shows a similar result stately every twenty three years and a half. Whilst then the actual number of the impenitent is annually increased by the growth of population, the ratio of that

increase is diminishing slowly before the more rapid growth of our church which in this respect probably exhibited a fair average of the Evangelical churches. The facts thus prove the error of the common supposition that the gospel fails to keep pace proportionately with the growth of our population. But on the other hand they reveal an appalling spectacle of unredeemed humanity rushing in a deepening tide in the way to death. They show the utter inadequacy of past results however blessed in themselves to meet the emergency which is presented to the church of God. Whilst tens and hundreds are being brought to Christ, thousands have no hope, and are without God in the world--with no portion beyond the grave except the inheritance of woe. Only therefore in comparing ourselves with ourselves have we room for congratulation, or content with results so disproportionate to the evils, which the gospel is designed to remove. And yet there is hardly, any trait in the present state of religion more clearly traceable than a tendency unconsciously to look back upon the blessed scenes formerly witnessed and be satisfied with what was then realized, rather than make those realizations the argument of a yet more ardent zeal and untiring labor, and the standard of even larger expectations from him who has so abundantly shown his readiness to bless and who especially loves to bestow liberally more than they ask on those who seek liberal things. In words we confess our shortcomings and remissness, but our actions give too much reason to conclude that in heart we are at ease. The survey thus taken of the past year unfolds to us therefore, mingled results--Considered in the light of God's mercies and the internal peace, purity, spiritual growth and general prosperity which He has bestowed it is a year to be remembered with grateful acknowledgments and fervent praise. Viewed in reference to the condition of the ungodly and the strength of Satan's Kingdom, the results call for abasement and mourning. Truly to the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against him, but to us "confusion of faces as it is this day."

The pledges of the Redeemers presence and favor which we enjoy are not to be disparaged but highly prized and assiduously cherished. But in proportion to the preciousness of these, is the obligation to greater energy in his service; and the argument to fear, lest if we rest content in them, and fail to do the work to which we are called, that which we seem to have, be taken from us. The very brevity, vagueness, and generality of the Presbyterial reports is an unhappy token, and the fact that we are realizing a growing death of converting influences--that so far from advancing from year to year in the efficiency and success of our assaults upon the Kingdom of Satan, we have fallen behind the average of former results, and returned to the position which three years ago was left behind, we had hoped forever, should surely arouse us to self examination and contrition, and impel us to works meet for repentance.

Another subject which presents itself in this annual survey, we approach with profound emotions. A number of names once familiar on our records must not be stricken from the roll, and faces which have heretofore greeted us in love, we shall see no more! "Your fathers, where are they? And the prophets, do they live forever?" The hand of death has been among us, and never in the history of the Synod, nor in that of our church, has she been called to mourn the removal of so many of her brightest lights, within a period so brief. Not only has the aged veteran been called to lay off the harness and receive the crown of victory, but the strong man in the Meridian of his exalted course has been arrested, and the youth of promise entering upon a career of usefulness has been summoned away to the blessedness of ended toil and the triumph of a finished course.

Charles E. Hedges, Loring Brewster, Jacob Kirkpatrick, Jr., Matthew B. Hope, Joseph Addison Alexander, Reuben Lourig Eli F. Cooley, Cortlandt Van Rensselaer--the licentiate missionary among our destitute--the youthful minister, just beginning to realize the first fruits of his consecration--the

beloved pastor, mature in experience, and toiling with the undiminished vigor of meridian strength--the venerable patriarch, retiring from the labors of a protracted ministry--the missionary of the cross upholding the standard of salvation among the millions of heathenism--the esteemed an accomplished collegiate professor--the illustrious theologian whose preeminent powers and attainments, whose fervent piety and many grace, consecrated to the training of our youthful ministry, were among the most precious of the redeeming gift to his church--and the honored and beloved secretary--They are gone from the land of the living. The places that knew them shall know them no more. To them toil and sorrow, sin and mourning are ended. To us therefore there is no longer the privilege of their social fellowship, nor the instruction of their counsel and example.

The apostle declared "whom the Lord loveth, he chasteneth, and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit."

We should neither be faithful to ourselves, nor duly improve the providence of God, did we fail to recognize a very intimate relation between the comparative unfruitfulness of the past year, and the painful dispensations by which it has been signalized. If the chastenings by which we recognize are the pledges of Love, they are also the exhortations of authority chiding our unfaithfulness--the fire of purging intended to induce greater diligence and more unreserved consecration in the work to which we are called--that we may bring forth more fruit. On the one hand, we are admonished to cease from man whose breath is in his nostrils, and on the other, with equal emphasis, we are reminded to do with our might, while the day lasts, what our hands find to do, since the night cometh when no man can work--to spare no toil nor sacrifice in our Master's service, since we know that soon we too shall be called to give account of our stewardship, and if faithful, enter

into rest, in the fellowship of the redeemed-the General Assembly of the church of the first born, which is the presence of the lamb.

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PRESBYTERIAL
STATISTICAL REPORTS

1. The Presbytery of Elizabethtown, report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 25 Ministers, and have under their care 15 churches, 1 licentiate and 2 candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 17th of April 1860, they received the Rev. Holloway W. Hunt from the Long Island Consociation--dismissed Mr. Morris C. Sutphin a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Philadelphia--received under their care Mr. Samuel M. Studdiford a licentiate from the Presbytery of Haritan--dismissed the Rev. Elbridge Bradbury to join the Presbytery of Troy, and licensed Mr. J. Alstyn Blauvelt to preach the gospel--that on the 8th of May, they received the Rev. William Scribner from the Presbytery of New Brunswick--that on the same day they ordained Mr. Alstyn Blauvelt to the work of the gospel ministry as an Evangelist--and ordained Mr. Samuel M. Studdiford to the work of the gospel ministry and installed him pastor of the 1st church of Plainfield--that on the 2nd of October, they received the Rev. Edwin Downer from the Presbytery of Hudson--that on the following day, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Benjamin Cory and the church of Perth Amboy, and licensed Mr. Joseph L. Van Lyke to preach the gospel, and that on the same day they received under their care as a foreign minister subject to the rule of the General Assembly, the Rev. Christian Pinkbohner, and dismissed the Rev. J. Alstyn Blauvelt to join the Presbytery of Burlington.

Presbytery further report that the churches have all contributed to the several boards of our church to the American Bible Society--and to the fund for disabled ministers.

Presbytery further report that they have attended to the order of the Synod, touching the matter of the inadequate support of the Ministry, and that in one church at least it has had a very happy effect, resulting in the addition of three hundred dollars to the pastors salary.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of the Presbytery,

JAMES T. ENGLISH, Stated Clerk.

2. The Presbytery of Passaic report to the Synod of New Jersey, that they consist of 18 ministers, and have under their care 14 churches, and 3 licentiate.

The Presbytery further report that on the 2d of November 1859 the Rev. George M. S. Blauvelt was installed pastor of the church at Lyons Farms--that on the 14 th of the same month, Mr. Lewis C. Baker a licentiate was dismissed to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Burlington--that on the 31st of January 1860, the Rev. Jonas Denton was dismissed to join the Presbytery of Susquehanna--that on the 18th of April, the pastoral relation between the Rev. James C. Edwards, and the 2d church of Morristown was dissolved--that on the same day Messrs. David Madie, Jr., Edwin G. Bryant, and John L. Beekman were licensed to preach the gospel--that on the 16th of July, Mr. Charles E. Hedges a licentiate under the care of this Presbytery, departed this life--and that on the 28th of July, Mr. David Madie, Jr., a licentiate was dismissed to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Rockaway.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery,

ROBERT STREET, Stated Clerk.

3. The Presbytery of New Brunswick, report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 39 Ministers, and have under their care 20 churches, 14 licentiates, and 7 candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 20th of October 1859, they received the Rev. Nathaniel W. Broughton, from the Presbytery of North Alabama, and that on the 17th of April 1860, they dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Londonderry--that on the 7th of February 1860, they dismissed the Rev. Charles W. Baird, to join the South classis of Long Island of the Reformed Dutch Church--and the Rev. Charles H. Foote to join the Presbytery of Alton--that on the same day they received under their care as candidates for the ministry, Messrs. William A. Sterret, William K. Geddes, and Jacob R. Geyer--that on the 15th of the same month, they ordained Mr. George Musgrave Giger, a licentiate to the work of the gospel ministry as an evangelist--that on the 28th of March, they dismissed Mr. Miles C. Wilson a candidate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Huntington that on the 10th of April, they dismissed Mr. S. W. S. Gaulladet a candidate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of South Carolina--that on the 17th of April, they received the Rev. Thomas W. Cattell from the Presbytery of West Jersey--and on the same day, took Mr. William J. Wright under their care as a candidate for the ministry--that on the 18th of April, they licensed Messrs. John H. Frazee, John Lowry, John M. Murray, H. M. Hurd, Jacob R. Geyer, John W. Kerr, Sterling Galt, Samuel B. Taggart, Marvin W. Briggs, and Alfred Yoemans as probationers for the gospel ministry--that on the 22d of April, they dismissed Mr. Albert T. Weidman a candidate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of New York--that on the 3d of May, they dismissed Mr. J. Addison Henry a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Passaic--that on the 14th of September, Mr. Philip S. Caffrey, a licentiate was dismissed to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Oregon--that on the 2d of the present month, (October) they dismissed Mr. Charles C. Darling a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of New York, and received Messrs. Joshua H. Janway, and Edward Spooner, as candidates for the ministry--and that on the same

day, they licensed Messrs. Samuel Bayard Dod and Peres B. Bonney to preach the gospel, and ordained Mr. John H. Frazee, a licentiate under their care, to the work of the gospel ministry, as an Evangelist.

The Presbytery further report that the following esteemed ministers, have departed this life during the last ecclesiastical year, viz.--

On the 27th of October, 1859, Rev. Jacob Kirkpatrick, Jr.
On the 17th of December 1859, Rev. Matthew B. Pope, D. D.
On the 28th of January 1860, Rev. J. Addison Alexander, D. D.
On the 22d of April 1860, Rev. Eli F. Cooley, D. D.

Respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery,
A. D. WHITE, Stated Clerk.

4. The Presbytery of Newton, report to the Synod of New Jersey, that they consist of 26 ministers, and have under their care 30 churches, and 5 candidates.

The Presbytery farther report that on the 1st of November, 1859, the Rev. George L. Wott was installed Pastor of the Church of Newton--that on the 2d of November, Mr. J. Sandford Smith, a licentiate of this Presbytery was ordained to the work of the ministry, and installed Pastor of the Church of Andover--that on the 16th of November the pastoral relation between the Rev. Nathaniel B. Klink and the Church of Fox Hill was dissolved--and that on the same day Mr. Klink was dismissed to join the Presbytery of Benicia--that on the 24th of April, 1860, the pastoral relation between the Rev. Holloway W. Hunt--and the churches of Pleasant Grove and Mansfield 2d, was dissolved--and on the same day the pastoral relation between the Rev. James Lewers and the church of Tusconetcong Valley was dissolved--that on the same day Mr. Lewers was dismissed to join the Presbytery of Saritan--

They also report that on the 10th of October, they organized a church in the village of Asbury, to be known as the first Presbyterian Church of Asbury.

Respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery,

F. WIGHTON, Stated Clerk.

5. The Presbytery of West Jersey, report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 17 ministers, and have under their care 22 churches, one licentiate, and 3 candidates.

The Presbytery further report that the Rev. Daniel Stewart, D. D. and the church of Camden were transferred on the 19th of October, 1859, by the Synod of New Jersey to the Presbytery of Burlington--that on the 5th of January, 1860, they received Mr. Chester Bridgeman, a licentiate from the Hampshire West Association--and on the same day, ordained him to the work of the gospel ministry, and installed him pastor of the Woodstown Church--that on the 6th of January they installed him pastor of the Swedesborough Church--his time to be divided between the two Churches--that on the 9th of February they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Thomas W. Cattell to the church of Deerfield, and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of New Brunswick--that on the 30th of April, the Rev. Loring Brewster, pastor of the Church at Cape Island departed this life--that on the 2d of June the Rev. J. W. Northrup returned the certificate of dismissal given him October 7th 1858,--that on the same day Mr. Nathaniel McCaughy was ordained to the work of the gospel ministry, and installed pastor of the Church at Millville--and that on the 3d of October, they received under their care as a probationer for the gospel ministry Mr. Samuel S. Waller, and dismissed the Rev. J. W. Northrup to join the Presbytery of Hudson.

Respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery,

ALLEN W. BROWN, Stated Clerk.

6. The Presbytery of Susquehanna, report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 11 ministers, and have under their care 24 churches, 1 licentiate and 2 candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 2d of February 1860, they organized the church of Stevensville from members of the church of Wyalusing--that on the 31st of March they received under their care the First Presbyterian Church of Independence, N. Y.--that on the same day they licensed Mr. David Craft a candidate under their care, as a probationer for the gospel ministry--that on the 29th of August they received the Rev. Jonas Denton from the Presbytery of Passaic--and on the same day, they received under their care the Church of Lawrenceville, and Mr. John D. Hewitt, a member of the Church of Wysox, under their care, as a candidate for the gospel ministry.

Respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery,

JULIUS FOWNE, Stated Clerk.

7. The Presbytery of Luzerne, report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 24 ministers, and have under their care 26 churches, 4 licentiates, and 1 candidate.

The Presbytery further report that on the 12th of October, 1859, they received Mr. John Darroch a licentiate from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and on the 19th of November, ordained him to the work of the gospel ministry, and installed him Pastor of the Church of Weatherly--that on the 6th of December they received the Rev. Henry Rinker from the Presbytery of Chemung, and on the 18th of the same month installed him pastor of the church of Wyoming--that on the 6th of December they received Mr. Robert Morton, a member of the Church of Wilkesbarre under their care as a candidate for the gospel ministry--that on the 24th of December, they organized the church of Guadenhatten--that on the 17th of April, 1860, they received the Rev. William Thompson from the Presbytery

of Pennsylvania and the Rev. James J. Ferguson from the Protestant Methodist Church--that on the same day they dismissed the Rev. William L. Moore to join the Presbytery of Rockaway--Mr. Philip B. Cook, a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Vincennes--licensed Messrs. Daniel E. Sore and Frederick F. Kolb to preach the gospel--and re-entered the name of the Rev. Edwin Bronson on the roll of the Presbytery, he having returned his letter of dismissal to the Presbytery of Susquehanna, given April 12th, 1859--that on the same day they changed the name of the church of Manover to that of Panticoke, and dismissed Mr. William C. Davis a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Susquehanna--that on the 23th of April 1860, the Rev. Reuben Lowrie, departed this life--that on the 21st of June, they organized the church of Port Clinton--that on the 18th of September, they received under their care the Welsh Church of Minersville and the Welsh Church of Pottsville, and directed their stated clerk to insert the name of the Rev. Reuben Lowrie on the roll of deceased ministers, as his letter of dismissal given April 10th 1856, had not been used--his dismissal having been to a Presbytery to be formed in China, and said Presbytery not having been formed at the time of his decease.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery,

N. GRIFF BARKER, Stated Clerk.

8. The Presbytery of Baritan, report to the Synod of New Jersey, that they consist of 10 ministers, and have under their care 15 churches, 2 licentiates, and 2 candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 1st of December, 1859, they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. P. Augustus Studdiford to the churches of Wilford and Holland, and dismissed him to the classis of Bergen, of the Reformed

Dutch Church--that on the 17th of January, 1860, they received the Rev. George P. Van Wyck from the Presbytery of Carlisle, and on the 31st of the same month, installed him pastor of the first Presbyterian Church of Amwell--that on the 10th of April, they dismissed Mr. John B. Kerpler, a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Donegal--and on the day following, dismissed Mr. Samuel M. Studdiford, a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Elizabethtown--that on the 7th of May, they received the Rev. James Lewers from the Presbytery of Newton, and on the same day installed him pastor of the church of Holland for the remaining one fourth of his time--and that on the same day they dismissed the Rev. Thomas Hempstead to join the Presbytery of Lexington.

Respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery,

PETER C. STUDDIFORD, Stated Clerk.

9. The Presbytery of Burlington, report to the Synod of New Jersey, that they consist of 9 ministers, and have under their care 12 churches, and 1 licentiate.

The Presbytery further report that on the 1st of March, 1860, they received under their care the church of Camden and the Rev. Daniel Stewart, D. D. Pastor of the church, detached by the Synod, from the Presbytery of West Jersey--that on the same day they organized a second church in the city of Camden--received under their care Mr. Lewis C. Baker, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Passaic, and ordained him to the work of the gospel ministry, and installed him as Pastor of the said Second Church--that on the 17th of April, they received under their care Mr. Martin W. Ryerson a licentiate from the Presbytery of New York, and dismissed the Rev. William S. Curtiss to join the New Haven West Association--that on the 5th of July, they Rev. Cortlandt Van Renssalaer, D. D. was removed by death--and that on the 3d of October, they received the Rev. John P. Robbins from the Presbytery of Donegal and the Rev. William Chester, D. d.

from the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery,

SAMUEL MILLER, Stated Clerk.

10. The Presbytery of Monmouth, report to the Synod of New Jersey, that they consist of 12 ministers, and have under their care 13 churches, and 1 candidate.

The Presbytery further report that on the 11th of January 1860, the Presbytery was organized at the Tennent Church in accordance with the resolution of the Synod--that on the same day they received the Rev. Alexander Gulick from the classis of ulster, of the Reformed Dutch Church--that on the 10th of April, they received the Rev. Charles Milne from the Presbytery of Albany--that on the 15th of July, they organized a church at Holmansville--and that on the 25th of September they received under their care, Mr. S. Alden Freeman, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, as a candidate for the work of the ministry.

Respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery,

DONALD McLAREN, Stated Clerk.

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